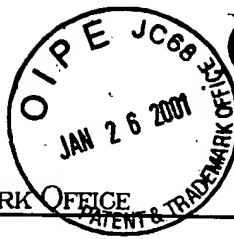




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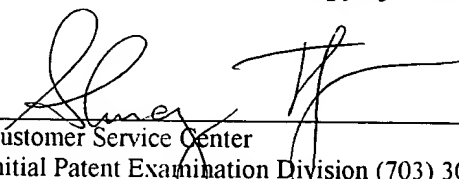
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Sir:


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Our check in the amount of \$130.00 is attached.

As required, a copy of the NOTICE of November 30, 2000 is enclosed herewith.

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